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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LAKE ERIE PROGRAM IN ROMANIA

1. JAKE RUFLI, PRESIDENT OF LAKE ERIE COLLEGE, CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TODAY TO REQUEST OUR VIEWS AS TO UTILITY OF TRIP TO ROMANIA AUGUST 25 THROUGH 28 (PREFERRED) OR SEPT. 9 THROUGH 11 (POSSIBLE) TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR SETTING UP LAKE ERIE COLLEGE ACADEMIC TERM IN ROMANIA. RUFLI HAD DISCUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH AMBASSADOR BARNES DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO LAKE ERIE COLLEGE IN JUNE. BARNES HAD SUGGESTED VISIT TO ROMANIA LATER THIS YEAR, BUT RUFLI NOW FINDS HE WILL BE IN EUROPE AT THIS TIME AND COULD MAKE VISIT IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL.

2. RUFLI ENVISIONS SENDING STUDENTS TO ROMANIA FOR THREE-MONTH STAY (JANUARY THROUGH MARCH) AT UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE OF BUCHAREST. EMPHASIS WOULD BE ON INTER-CULTURAL PROGRAM INCLUDING INDEPENDENT STUDY AND STUDY OF CIVILIZATION. LANGUAGE CAPABILITY WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT BY AUGUST 17 WHETHER VISIT BY RUFLI AT THIS TIME WOULD BE USEFUL. RUFLI LEAVES AUGUST 18 AND WILL CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. KISSINGER

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